

In the Specification:

The following is a marked-up version the Specification pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121, with instructions and markings showing changes made herein to the Specification as filed. Underlining denotes added text while brackets denote deleted text.

On page 19, in the paragraph that begins at line 14, please amend the paragraph as indicated below:

A large number of protease variants can be produced and purified using methods well known in the art. Mutations can be made in *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (BPN') subtilisin (SEQ ID NO:3) or *Bacillus lenthus* GG36 subtilisin (SEQ ID NO:6). The variants can have substitutions be selected from the following: 5, 7, 23, 26, 28-31, 34, 47, 63, 65, 66, 69, 70, 73, 82 - 85, 88, 90, 92, 93, 105, 113, 125, 138, 139, 147, 148-151, 176, 178, 179, 193, 196, 200, 201, 202, 207, 219, 220, 223, 229, 233, 250, 266, 267 and 273, equivalent to the residues of SEQ ID NO:3.

On page 30, please amend the last line of text (*i.e.*, the footnote) as indicated below:

¹GG 36 is the wild type protease of *Bacillus lenthus* (SEQ ID NO. [4]6)